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SUBJECT: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE GLOBAL INVESTIGATIONS
OF POLLUTION IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT (GIPME) OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC)

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1. THE SECOND SESSION OF THE IOC'S INTERNATIONAL COORDINA-

TION GROUP (ICG) FOR GIPME IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN MID-JULY AT THE UN IN NEW YORK. U.S. CONSIDERS THE GIPME PROGRAM TO BE ONE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY PROGRAMS IN THE IOC AND ONE WHICH, IF SUCCESSFUL, COULD BE A VERY USEFUL COMPLEMENT TO U.S. MARINE POLLUTION RESEARCH STUDIES. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ICG FOR GIPME WAS CONVENED IN LONDON LAST YEAR. THE RESULTS OF THIS MEETING WERE, FROM THE U.S. VIEW, OF LITTLE UTILITY. WE CONSIDER THAT THE UPCOMING SECOND SESSION OF THE ICG WILL BE CRITICAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF GIPME.

2. IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A SUCCESSFUL GIPME SESSION, THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE FOR PRIOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR GIPME, DR. M. GRANT GROSS (NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, WASHINGTON, D.C.) AND OTHER ICG MEMBERS. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE OCCASION OF THE MARINE POLLUTION MONITORING SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP TO BE HELD 13-17 MAY IN GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND, UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF IOC, WMO, AND HOSTED BY THE U.S. DEPT.

OF COMMERCE. PROF. AMATOLII I. SIMONOV, THE SOVIET GIPME MEMBER IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP AND HAS BEEN INVITED TO CONSULT WITH DR. GROSS AT THAT TIME.

3. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE ICG FOR GIPME TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP AND, IF SO, TO INVITE THEM TO CONTACT DR. GROSS (TELEPHONE: 202-632-4227) UPON THEIR ARRIVAL TO CONSULT WITH HIM ON THE UPCOMING GIPME SESSION:

PARIS: PROF. M.A. FONTAINE, LABORATOIRE DE PHYSIOLOGIE GENERALE, MUSEUM NATIONAL D'HISTOIRE NATURELLE, PARIS

RIO DE JANEIRO: CAPTAIN LUIZ FERNANDO DA SILVA SOUZA, RIO DE JANEIRO

HAMBURG: DR. D. SCHMIDT (MEMBER FROM FRG), DEUTSCHES HYDROGRAPHISCHES INSTITUT, HAMBURG, AND DR. K. TIEWS (EXPERT NOMINATED BY FAO), INSTITUT FUR KUSTEN UND BINNENFISCHEREI, BUNDESFORSCHUNGSANSTALT FUR FISCHEREI, HAMBURG

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TOKYO: DR. KEN SUGAWARA, JAPANESE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO, MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION, TOKYO

LONDON: MR. A. J. LEE AND MR. A. QRESTON (MEMBERS FROM UK), MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD, FISHERIES LABORATORY, LOWESTOFT, AND DR. P.G. JEFFERY (EXPERT NOMINATED BY IMCO), DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, WARREN SPRING LABORATORY, STEVENAGE

NICE: DR. T. BEASELEY (EXPERT NOMINATED BY IAEA), INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY OF MARINE RADIOACTIVITY, MUSEE OCEANOGRAPHIQUE, MONACO

OTTAWA: DR. D.M. WHELPDALE, ATMOSPHERIC ENVIRONMENT SERVICE DOWNVIEW, ONTARIO

4. FOR LONDON - EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO INFORM MS. V. ABRAHAMS, NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, OF PLANS FOR THE ABOVE CONSULTATIONS.

5. FOR NESCO - PERMDEL IS REQUESTED TO INFORM MR. R. GRIFFITHS, IOC SECRETARIAT, OF THE PLANS FOR THE ABOVE CONSULTATIONS AND TO EXTEND TO HIM SIMILAR INVITATION.

6. IF THERE IS TIME, THOSE ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP MAY WISH TO CONTACT DR. GROSS BY CABLE. RUSH

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